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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 9655

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR XF

SUBJ: FALSE PRESS REPORT OF NO PALESTINIAN PRISONERS IN CAIRO

DEPARTMENT PASS PEKING FOR THE SECRETARY

1. IN REPORTING PRESS CONFERENCE HELD NOV 27 BY BSO LEADER ABU IYAD IN CAIRO, LOCAL ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS QUOTE HIM AS SAYING "THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PALESTINIAN DETAINED IN EGYPT." ARABIC LANGUAGE PAPERS ARE MORE PRECISE; EG GUMHURIYYA HEADLINE IS: "NOT ONE PALESTINIAN PRISONER IN CAIRO EXCEPT THOSE HELD AT ORDER OF PALESTINIAN COMMAND."

2. AMBASSADOR CALLED SIRRI FOR CLARIFICATION. SIRRI REITERATED KHARTOUMEIGHT ARE IN EGYPT AND IN EGYPTIAN CUSTODY. HE ASSUMES ABU IYAD, IN FACE SAVING EFFORT, MAY HAVE SPOKEN IN CONTEXT OF PLO HAVING "ASKED" GOE TO HOLD ROME FIVE AND KHARTOUM EIGHT ON PLO'S BEHALF. SIRRI RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS EGYPTIAN MINIT, NOT PLO, TO WHOM APPEAL HAD TO BE MADE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE ROME FIVE AND STRESSED AGAIN THAT EGYPT HAD THEM IN CUSTODY. ABU IYAD, HE SUGGESTED, MAY HAVE BEEN POSING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS.

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